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It is sometimes as interesting to note the progress and development of a man as it is the expanding into a beautifully colored butterfly of the slow and uncertain caterpillar. From one among a dozen of old scrap books that are carefully guarded by a tall colored valet is gleaned the fact that Mr. James Neill of the Neill company now appearing here made his professional debut in "Elliot Barnes' Greatest American Play," "Only a Farmer's Daughter." Mr. Neill played Jack Hartley and Phillip Bartram and T. Daniel Fawley played Sammy Green, a farmer's lad. Previous to that Mr. Neill had been a shining light of the Ford Dramatic Association of Savannah, Ga., for from the Savannah Record printed in the early fall of 1882, appears the following paragraph: "Mr. James Neill, a talented young member of the Ford Dramatic Association, will leave for the North this evening where he will make his professional debut in 'Only a Farmer's Daughter,' at Paterson, N. J., on the 4th prox. Mr. Neill will yet make a name and standing on the professional stage and his many friends in Savannah will watch his future with pride." Among some of Mr. Neill's earlier accomplishments was to play with success De Mauprat in Richelieu. The following season he appeared as one of the principal members of a company which included artists well known on the Pacific coast such as H. S. Duffield, now of the Fawley company; L. R. Stockwell, Louise Rial and Ethel Brandon. The leading plays given by that organization were: "Taken from Life," and "Waiting for the Verdict." As far as Mr. Neill was concerned, however, he didn't have long to wait, for shortly after found him a joint star with Louise Hall presenting "A Life's Atonement" with much success. In 1884 he was engaged as leading man for Shook and Collier's big production of "The Lights 'O' London." An old play bill dated June, 1885, proof is given that Mr. Neill was the author of a play that was first presented at that time called "Chip Redmond" or "The Moonshine Maid." In the cast he played Bill Redmond. A Savannah paper records the fact that it was presented "before a brilliant audience." After that he went in for the more refined and beautifully sentimental dramas and comedies, and met with exceptional success in a charming comedy in three acts called "Two Roses." That experience decided the young actor's future and from that time he has attained his present proud position.

## Prize Winners Honored At Iolani College

The regular annual distribution of prizes and sports at Iolani College took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd. Bishop Willis opened the exercises with a few appropriate remarks. This was followed by a short address on the part of the head master, L. G. Blackman. At 3 o'clock Bishop Willis distributed the prizes as follows:

Class Six—English subjects, John C. Anderson; divinity, Thomas L. Andrews; mathematics, Kim Fook and Ah Tong.

Class Five—Religious knowledge, Lo Chop; mathematics, Chang Yat.

Class Four—English subjects, E. Mahaulu; arithmetic, Soy Kan; religious knowledge, Cham Su and Fo Sue.

Class Three—English subjects, Edward Kahaku Kea; arithmetic, Edward Ping Chong.

Class Two—English subjects, Ah Loi; arithmetic, Shen Yan.

Class One—Religious knowledge, James Robertson and Malcolm Robertson; arithmetic, As Sue and Ah Wong; general progress, Ah Yuk.

The sports began shortly after 3:30 o'clock, the results being as follows:

Potato Race, open—First prize, gloves, Kim Fook. Second, bat and ball, Ah Pan. Third, knife; Kim Sang.

100 yards, under 15—First prize, watch, Chang Yat. Second, bat and ball, Kim Fook. Time, 13 seconds.

100 yards, under 13—First prize, tubophone, E. Andrews. Second, belt; Ah Kit. Time, 14 seconds.

High jump, open—First prize, scarf-pin; Anderson. Second, watch; Len Qui. Height, 5 feet 1 inch.

Putting the shot—First prize, knife; Len Qui. Second, belt; Anderson. Distance, 37 feet.

Third, gun; Malcolm, 11 yards. Time, 14 seconds.

Pole vault, open—First prize, links; Freeth. Second, bat and ball; Len Qui. Height, 8 feet 3 inches. Len Qui cleared 8 feet 6 inches in an exhibition jump and was awarded a special prize.

High Jump, under 15—First prize, glove; Ping Qui. Height, 4 feet 6 inches.

Three-legged Race, open—First prize, knives; Lo Choy and Len Qui. Second, knives; Ping Qui and Shan Yuen.

250 yards, open—First prize, watch; Anderson. Second, links; Len Qui. Third, bat; Chang Yat. Time, 46 seconds.

100 yards, under 12—First prize, bank; E. Andrews. Second, knife; Solomon. Time, 15 3-5 seconds.

100 yards, under 10—First prize, target and darts; Neo En. Second, paints; Mon Yin. Third, magic box; Kapuni. Time, 16 seconds.

100 yards, under 14—First prize, bat and ball; Kim Fook. Second, bat and ball; Lo Choy. Time, 15 4-5 seconds.

The Victor Ludorum medal was won by Anderson with Len Qui second. The points were as follows:

Anderson—High jump, 3; putting the shot, 2; 100 yards, 3; 350 yards, 3. Total, 11.

Len Qui—High jump, 2; putting the shot, 3; 100 yards, 1; 350 yards, 2; pole vault, 2. Total, 10.

Rev. V. H. Kiteat, R. A. Jordan and J. Stokes were judges. H. M. Ayres was handicapper and time keeper and F. S. Fitz, starter.

Miss Hoare distributed the prizes to the young athletes.

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